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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A  
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following  
**new Abstract of the Disclosure.**

Network elements of a digital communications network, for example an SDH network  
(SDH = Synchronous Digital Hierarchy), are managed by controllers using managed objects. To  
permit fast access to managed objects, a simple circuit with a controller (FLT), a database (DB),  
and a temporary memory (MEM) is proposed. The controller carries out a method of managing